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According to one tradition, probably true, the Gaulden or Gauldine, were of English or Welsh nationality and in religion were Quakers. They came to America a number of years before the Revolutionary War locating probably in Chester County, Pennsylvania, the same section from which came the B---ned and Lincolns and removing later to Virginia in that part which was erected in 1753 into Prince Edward County.

Another tradition preserved by Miss Fannie Gaulden of Jackson, Mississippi that they were Huguenots who fled from France after the Revocation of the Edict of Mantes 1685--that there were five brothers who for political reasons changed their name to Gaulden on their arrival in America. Miss Fannie Gaulden's line of Jesse Gaulden stated in 1916 in her old age, that her father said the name was changed and in early life frequently heard the original but had forgotten it. Color is given this tradition of the five brothers by the fact that there was some years before the Revolution a considerable colony of Gaulden's in Prince Edward County. There is also a mountain called "Gaulden Mountain", indicating that they were early settlers, before names were fixed.

Some years before the Revolution we find John Gaulden living in Prince Edward County. There was a Jesse Gaulden, an uncle or cousin of John, living there at the same time. In this county in 1760 John Gaulden married Susan Brumfield and a few years later removed with his wife and children to Long Branch, or the High Hills of the Santee in Sumter District, South Carolina. John Gaulden, at the outbreak of hostility with the mother country, joined Marion's command and in the course of the war he gave his life for his country having died of smallpox while in the Army. He owned a slave named Amos, who was familiarly known as "The Revolutioner", probably because he had been in the Army with his master. This Revolutionary record of John Gaulden was handed down by his grandson John, son of James Gaulden. There is no historical evidence known to this writer of John or his son James having been in the Army of the Patriots. They did not belong to the Continental troops. There is a possibility that there is a record of their service in the Capitol at Columbia, South Carolina. But Sherman's soldiers jumbled up the papers there to such an extreme that only a few of them have been reduced to order. If there was any record in Washington it was destroyed in the War of 1812.

Susan Brumfield

The Brumfield's, spelled several different ways, were Scotch or Scotch-Irish, and came to America about 1730 and located in Chester County, Pennsylvania. There was a Solomon Brumfield in

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Berkes County in 1732. He had a daughter named Susanna, which indicates a relationship to Susan Brumfield, who married John Gaulden in 1760. The first official record of the Brumfield's was in 1739-1740 when the estate of Robert Brumfield was settled in court at Londonderry, Chester County, Pennsylvania by administration, no will having been left by him. The widow was Jeanet Brumfield. She had two sons, Dr. Robert Brumfield and Charles Brumfield. Susan Brumfield was probably her daughter. After Braddock's defeat in 1755, the Brumfield's and many others migrated to Virginia, some of them going on to Mecklinburg County, North Carolina. Some of those in Virginia removed to Sumter County, South Carolina. Rev. _____ Brumfield was one of the earliest preachers in Prince Edward County, Virginia. The Gaulden's and Brumfield's seem to have been associated in some way from their coming to America. Charles Brumfield's descendants migrated to Kentucky. In 1816, Dr. Robert Brumfield, descendant of Robert Brumfield whose estate was settled at Londonderry, Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1739-1740, acquired from William Gaulden, son of John and Susan Brumfield Gaulden, the plantation known as Millbrook on marsh Savannah River in Sumter District, South Carolina, indicating a close connection between the two families.

To John and Susan Brumfield Gaulden were born nine children, viz: James, Patsy, William, Dempsey, Zachary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Jonathan and Karen.

I. James Gaulden was born in Virginia, Prince Edward County, in 1761. In 1807 he married Frances Johnson in Edgefield County, having moved there from Sumter County. She was a Virginian, from the same section from which the Gaulden's came. She often spoke of the Meherrin River near which her early life was spent. She was a sprightly, refined woman and in her later years, when this scribe knew her, she was fond of pretty lace caps and fine clothes. She spent most of her time reading her Bible and knitting. After her husband's death she spent the remainder of her life with her son, John, at the family homestead near Ninety-Six. She died in August, 1879, aged nearly one hundred years. She had a sister named Charity (nothing more is known of her) and a brother, Whitfield, an old bachelor when this writer knew him. He was a devout Christian and is buried at Salem Methodist Church where he held his membership, about three miles from Ninety-Six. He died during the Civil (Confederate) War. To James and Frances Johnson Gaulden were born seven children, viz: John and Elizabeth (twins), Andrew Jackson, Sarah Ann, Charles Brumfield, William and Marion.

II. Patsy Gaulden was born in Virginia. She married Mr. Frank Richardson in Sumter County and emigrated to Wilkinson County, Mississippi in 1810. In 1833-1838 the family consisted of Mrs. Frank Richardson and six children, viz: John, James, Jared, Wade, Rivers and Louisa.***

***This name should be Susann, according to family records and the tombstone in the plantation graveyard in Wilkinson County.

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III. William Gaulden was born in Virginia. He was married in South Carolina to Miss Elizabeth Malone and emigrated to Mississippi. His descendants lived in New Orleans and were said to be charming people.

IV. Dempsey Gaulden moved to Mississippi about five years after the Revolution. He was a farmer. He married (wife's name is unknown) and left at least two sons: John Sidney and _____, father of Sam Gaulden of Winder County, Mississippi. This information is furnished by a grandson of John Sidney Gaulden.

V. Zachary Gaulden married Miss _____.

VI. Elizabeth Gaulden, also given as Eliza, was born in South Carolina. She married first William Boatner. She had a son named Sam Boatner. She removed to Mississippi. Her second husband was _____ Hatfield. The story is told that she rode horseback to Mississippi carrying a switch from a pear tree. When she arrived at her destination she set it in the ground and it grew into a tree.

VII. Sarah Gaulden married Eli Freeman and moved to Montgomery County, Alabama. (See Bible record in FC--John Gaulden--filed December 2, 196_.)

VIII. Jonathan Gaulden was born in South Carolina in 1776. He was a Baptist minister. He moved to Brooks County, Georgia about nine miles northwest of Quitman. His home was called Okapilco. He married Rhoda Paisley, daughter of John Paisley of Savannah, Georgia. He died in 1852. To them were born seven children, viz: Julia, John P., Charles Scriven, Albert J., Brantly Z., William B., and Cornelia.

IX. Karen Gaulden married Mr. James S. Gilliam, a planter of Newberry County, South Carolina. Tradition says she went from her home in Sumter County to attend a then famous school in Newberry County where she met Mr. Gilliam and later married him. To them was born one daughter (as far as this scribe can ascertain), Martha, who married Elizah Lake. He was killed in the Battle of the Crater in the Confederate War. To this union, four children were born, viz: Nora, Brumfield, Miles and Robert. Nora married Mr. Z. Abrams, a veteran of the Confederate War. They lived in Newberry County and left one child, Miles, who married a Mr. Perry. Nothing more is known of the Lake children.

James Gaulden, son of John and Susan Brumfield Gaulden.(contd)

James Gaulden was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia in 1761. He moved with his parents and others of their children to Long Branch, near the High Hills of the Santee in Sumter District, South Carolina some years prior to the Revolution. Tradition says he was a member of Marion's command in the Revolution, was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, 1781 and served in both the infantry and cavalry. This information was obtained from his son, John, born

in 1808. After the war he left Sumter County and settled in Edgefield County, near the Saluda River, in the vicinity of Chestnut Hill Church, this portion of Edgefield now forming a part of Saluda County. Here he married Miss Frances Johnson in 1807. During the year 1821 he removed to Abbeville County and with his family located near the town of Cambridge, a place of considerable importance at that time. In 1824 the family moved to a plantation one mile from the present town of Ninety-Six. Here he died on January 17, 1827. His wife died in 1879. Both are buried in the family burying ground.

The inscription on his tombstone follows: "James Gaulden, son of John and Susan Gaulden, was born in Prince Edward County, Virginia, and moved with his parents to Sumter District, South Carolina where he lived for several years and then moved to Abbeville District where he parted his life January 17, 1827, aged about 63 years". (It should be 66 years)

The farm is still (1929) in possession of a Gaulden--Charles William Gaulden, son of John, son of James, son of John, and has been since 1827. It is said that James Gaulden prided himself on his fine horses of which he owned a considerable number. With a bell on the brood mare they grazed at large over the country--no stock law in those days. His horses were often seen on the race track, a common sport at that time.

The history, so far as known to this writer, of Patsy, William, Dempsey, Zachary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Karen Gaulden has been given in preceding pages.

8. Johnathan Gaulden was the eighth child of John and Susan Brumfield Gaulden and was born in 1776 at Long Branch, near the High Hills of the Santee in Sumter District, South Carolina. In early life he moved to Brooks County, Georgia. He married Rhoda Paisley, daughter of John Paisley of Savannah. He was a Baptist preacher. His home was called Okapilco. He died in 1852. To this union were born seven children, viz: Julia, John P., Charles Scriven, Albert J., Brantly Z., William B. and Cornelia.

Children of James and Frances Johnson Gaulden

I. John Gaulden was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina in 1808. He married Jane Elizabeth McFall on the 2nd of January, 1840, Rev. Joseph Babb performing the ceremony. She was living at the home of her grandfather, Patrick Todd, in Laurens County. To this union were born eight children. He died June 18th, 1889 and is buried in the family burying grounds.

Their children are: Cornelia Elizabeth, Louisa Martha, Susan Eleanor, Sarah Ann Gilliam, Laura Jane, Charles William, Ida Kemper and Mary Lee.

In 1833 John Gaulden visited his Gaulden relatives in Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. He traveled on horseback and on the way passed through the Choctaw Indian tribe. He was in Alabama at the time of the historic "falling of the stars", the greatest on record. The people wept and wailed, thinking the Day of Judgment had come. He went on to Mississippi where he visited the Richard-

sons, who he said were very wealthy.

The story is told of his wedding day, January 2nd, 1840, that it was a snowy day, extremely severe. Some of his friends advised him not to attempt the trip in such weather, that it would be difficult to cross the Saluda by ford, etc., etc. But love laughs at weather and rivers. He went and triumphantly brought his bride home.

Insert sketch of life of John Gaulden from Abbeville Press and Banner of June 26th, 1889.

Jane Elizabeth McFall Gaulden

Was born March 22nd, 1821. Her parents were Anthony McFall and Eleanor Todd, his wife. Nothing is known to this writer about Anthony McFall. He and his wife lived in Georgia where one or more of their children were born. Eleanor Todd was the daughter of Patrick Todd who _____(where he was a linen weaver), County Antrim, Ireland, about 1780, about the time the McGowan's came over. Who his wife was is not known to this writer. He had other children. He was a devoted Presbyterian, a singer of Psalms. He lived in Laurens County near the Island Ford on Saluda River. He was a man of prominence in his community, having been a Justice of the Peace. After the death of Anthony and Eleanor Todd McFall, he took their children and brought them up in his home.

Children of Anthony and Eleanor Todd McFall

1. Jane Elizabeth McFall, who married John Gaulden. She was a woman of fine mind and boundless energy. She set a good example for her children of piety and uprightness of character. They rise up and call her blessed. She is buried in the Gaulden burying grounds.

2. Nancy McFall, who married John Holt. She died leaving one son, William, who grew up and died unmarried.

3. William Todd McFall was born March 8th, 1827 and died February 4th, 1898. He is buried in the cemetery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church at Prosperity, South Carolina of which he was a member. He was buried with Masonic honors. He was a physician, having graduated from the Medical College of Augusta. In 1857 he married Mary Anna Singley, daughter of Jacob Singley, and to them were born a son who died infancy and three daughters, Cornelia, Ella and Laura. Cornelia married Mr. Frank Capers, a newspaper man. Ella married Dr. Edward C. Ridgell (dentist) and Laura married Lawson Wise (businessman).

Cornelia Caper's children are Eleanor, Cornelia, who married Percy Richmond, and has one child, Robert, Mary and Ruth.

Ella Ridgell's children are Effingham, who married Miss Mosely, Lottie, who married Furman Norris and has three children; Marion, Edward and Furman: McFall, who married Miss Clement and has

children; Rosa, who died unmarried; Grace, who married Ira Carson and has children and Louise who married _____.

Laura McFall Wise's children are Willie Mae, McFall, who married Loula Allein and has one child; Patrick, who is married to Bertha _____, Christina, who married Kreps Zeigler and has three children, Marguerite, Nellie and _____ who married Florence Birch.

James Young McFall was brought up by his grandfather, Patrick Todd, who gave him the best school advantages of the community. He entered the Confederate Army and arose to a Captaincy. He lost one eye in battle. After the war he became a merchant at Newberry, South Carolina. There he married Lavinia Rook Kinard, widow of Captain John Kinard. She had two children, John and James Kinard. To James Y. and Lavinia McFall were born four children, viz: William Anthony, Jesse, Eleanor (called Nell), and Lavinia (called Daisy. William married Dahlia _____ and has no children. Jesse married Miss Land of Augusta, Georgia and has two children, daughter, one of whom is married. Eleanor, or Nell, married Frank Feagle and died leaving two or three children. Lavinia, or Daisy, married Charles Purcell and has children.

II. Elizabeth Gaulden, twin sister of John Gaulden, was born January 11th, 1808. She died at the age of sixteen years from exposure to rain in going to school. She is buried in the Gaulden burying grounds.

III. Andrew Jackson Gaulden grew to manhood, went to Louisiana where he died and is buried. He never married.

IV. Charles Brumfield Gaulden lived to manhood and lived on the Gaulden homestead. On account of failing health he went to Tate Springs, Tennessee but was not benefiled. He died and was buried there. He never married.

V. Sarah Gaulden married Jefferson Burnett and to them was born one child, James, who married Fannie Taylor of Newberry and to them were born children, one of whom was named Jackie and another Bessie. Sarah Gaulden Burnett is buried at Lebanon Church, several miles from Ninety-Six.

VI. William Gaulden died in young manhood and is buried in the Gaulden burying ground.

VII. Marion Gaulden died in his youth and is buried in the family burying ground.

Children of John and Jane E. McFall Gaulden

I. Cornelia Elizabeth Gaulden was born Saturday, the 19th day of March, 1842. She was educated in the best common schools of the day. She and her next younger sister rode horseback on "Old Bill" to school at Cambridge before there was a school at Ninety-Six. Their teacher was Miss Annie Gott, who seems to have been

from either York or Chester County, South Carolina. Later she went to school at Newberry, South Carolina for a short time. In October, 1863, Cornelia, or Cerrie as she was called, married Samuel H. Crawford, Rev. William McSwain performing the ceremony. To them were born eight children, viz: John, Samuel, William, Claude, Janie, Thomas and George (twins) Loula and Kemper.

II. Louisa Martha Gaulden was born on Sunday the 15th day of September, 1844. She received a good common school education at Cambridge and Ninety-Six Academy. She taught a public school in Edgefield County and while there she met and later married George McKie Crafton, March 24, 1868. To them were born four children, viz: Joseph Lee, Janie McFe, Lucy Barksdale and Georgie (a girl) who was named for her father who died three months before she was born. Janie married Mr. Philip Markert and died leaving one child Louise, who died in infancy. Both are buried in Dothan Churchyard in Edgefield County. Lucy married Mr. John Baxley of Georgia and has (1929) four children, George, Rebecca, Alice and Dorothy. Joseph married Miss Jessie Wells and died leaving two children, Atwood and Louise. Georgie married Mr. Philip M. Markert, relict of her deceased sister, Janie. They have five children living and one dead, George. The living are Anton, Herman, Philip, Florence and Catherine.

III. Susan Eleanor Gaulden, named for two grandmothers, was born on Tuesday, January 25th, 1848. She died in Edgefield County and is buried at Dothan Church. She was educated at the Ninety-Six Academy. She married Andrew Chapman of Edgefield County and to them were born two children, viz: John, who grew to manhood and died unmarried and Lucille, who married McKie Scott, their children being three in number; Grady, Louise and Virginus, a girl.

IV. Sarah Ann Gilliam Gaulden was born Tuesday, the 17th day of December 1850. She was educated at the Ninety-Six Academy. Late in life she married Stephen M. Davis, the relict of her deceased sister, Ida. She has no children.

V. Laura Jane Gaulden was born on Friday, the 13th day of January, 1854. She was educated at the Ninety-Six Academy and Due West Woman's College from which she was graduated as valedictorian in July, 1871. She taught in the public schools for several years and in the Williamston Female College the two years preceding her marriage. She was fond of literature and wrote a number of articles for the Southern Presbyterian and Christian Observer, among which were "Hindu Women vs. Christian Women", "My Responsibility for the Propagation of the Gospel" and "The Unchangeableness of God." It may be noted that the Williamston Female College was moved to Greenwood and the name changed to Lander College, in honor of the President and founder of W. F. C. On July 31st, 1884, Laura J. Gaulden was married to John Crooks Bailey of Greenville, South Carolina, Rev. Samuel Lander, D. D., President of W. F. C. performing the ceremony. John Crooks Bailey was editor and publisher of the Greenville Enterprise and Mountaineer. He was a widower with one child, John Crooks, Junior. To this

union were born three children, viz: Charles Robert, Margaret Jean, and Laura Warden. John Crooks Bailey was born July 1st, 1840 and died November 29th, 1914. He is buried in Springwood Cemetery, Greenville, South Carolina. He was a gentleman of the highest type in principle and in manners. He was a devout Christian, a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church and later an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Six young men entered the ministry under his influence, two of them being his sons and another his nephew.

VI. Charles William Gaulden was born on Sunday, the 26th day of October, 1856. He was educated at the Ninety-Six Academy and engaged in farming. He lives at the Gaulden homestead, which has been in the possession of the family for more than one hundred years. The original house was burned the 2nd Sunday in May, 1921 and he rebuilt on the same site. The family Bible with its priceless records was burned in the house.

VII. Ida Kemper Gaulden was born on Sunday, the 22nd day of July, 1860. She was educated at the Ninety-Six Academy and the Due West Woman's College where she graduated in 1879 as salutatorian of her class. She taught school a year or two and on December 2nd, 1886 was married to Stephen M. Davis. To them were born four children, viz: John G. Davis, Stephen Leslie Davis, Charles Davis and Jane, who died in infancy. Ida G. Davis and her infant daughter are buried in the family burying ground, making four generations resting there. John Davis married Miss Emma Kennedy of Ridgeway. They have two children; Stephen Leslie married Miss Janie Griffin of Cross Hill. They have two children; Charles Davis is unmarried as far as this writer knows.

VIII. Mary Lee Gaulden was born on Saturday, the 2nd day of April, 1864. She has spent most of her life in a hospital.

Children of John Crooks and Laura Gaulden Bailey

I. Charles Robert Bailey was born August 30th, 1885 at the family home on Augusta Street, Greenville, South Carolina. He was educated in the city schools of Greenville, he and another pupil from their graduating class winning scholarships for one year to Furman University. He continued the course at Furman and was graduated there from in 1906 with the degree of B. A. He worked on a farm a year or two, taught school at Duncan, South Carolina two years and then entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina from which he was graduated in 1914 with the degree of B. D. While at the Seminary he took a course of study at the University of South Carolina leading to the Master's Degree, which was awarded him the same year. From the Columbia Seminary he received a years scholarship to Princeton Seminary (Theological) to do post graduate work. At the close of the year he was awarded the degree of B. D. He has served Presbyterian pastorates at Menlo, Georgia, Laurel Hill, North Carolina and Romney, West Virginia where he is now (1929) located. On June 22nd, 1916 he was married to Miss Stella Garratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Garratt of Gaffney, South Carolina. To this union have been born two children, viz: Laura Elizabeth bailey, born April 30th, 1917 and Charles Garratt Bailey, born February 6th. 1928.

II. Margaret Jean Bailey was born November 4th, 1888. She was educated in the city schools of Greenville, South Carolina and at Winthrop College from which she was graduated in 1908 with the degree of B. A. She taught for several years in the Greenville city schools. She next taught at Covington, Georgia, was there in 1918 when the National Government called for young women to take the places of young men in the departments at Washington, D. C., therefore, releasing the young men for active service. She responded to this call and worked first in the War Department and later in other departments. In 1918-1919 she had two severe attacks of influenza, which settled in one knee. She resigned her government position and went home to regain her health. The government gave her a certificate of Faithful and Efficient Service. Her health improved and she resumed teaching but finally had to go to John Hopkins Hospital to have her knee treated. The trouble was cured. She then taught a year in Spencer, North Carolina and a year in Salisbury, North Carolina, then returned to government work at Washington, D. C. where she now is. (1929)

III. Laura Warden Bailey was born September 27th, 1893. She was educated in the city schools of Greenville, South Carolina and at Winthrop College from which she was graduated with the degree of B. A. and on the Roll of Distinction in 1915. In September of that year she became a member of the faculty of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, teaching in the Home Economics Department. She taught there three years. In June 1918, she was called to the position of Assistant State Agent in Home Demonstration work in South Carolina, which position she filled for four years. On May 30th, 1922 she was married to John Junior Rauch, a widower with three children, John J., Jr., Susan and Elizabeth. To this union have been born four children, viz: William Bailey and Laura Jean (twins) born July 9th, 1925; James Henry, born April 10th, 1927 and Robert Joseph, born November 23rd, 1928.

Children of Charles Scriven Gaulden and Rhoda Lafayette LeSeur, his wife.

Seven children were born to them at Lumkin, Georgia where he practiced law during his early manhood, later becoming a Baptist preacher and living at his father's old homestead, Okapilco. Of the seven children, three, John, Cornelia and Albert, died in infancy. Those who reached maturity were:

I. Mrs. Charley Gaulden Tillman of Quitman, Georgia. The story is told of her that she was so beautiful and charming a young woman that she had many admirers, two of whom fought a duel about her, with what result is unknown to this scribe. Mrs. Tillman had two children in 1908, viz: Mrs. Ela G. (James L.) Key of Atlanta, Georgia who had an infant son; and Mr. Joseph Bruce Tillman of Quitman, Georgia who was married and had a daughter in 1908.

II. Judge David LeSeur Gaulden of DeLand, Florida who married Helen Erwin. To them have been born two children, viz: LeSeur,

who at the age of 22, on February 23rd, 1909, was married to Miss Grace Willoughby Reeve, whose father was President of the Montreal, Canada Law School for many years; and Erwinna, who married James Albert Reed.

III. Rev. William Turner Gaulden of Quitman, Georgia, who never married.

IV. Dr. Samuel Scriven Gaulden of Quitman, Georgia, who married _____ and in 1908 had three sons and a daughter.

The Gaulden's have always been, as far as this writer has ever heard, patriots and good citizens, serving their day and generation in peace and in war. In peace, they served as ministers, doctors, farmers, lawyers, legislators, etc. In war, they served in the Revolution, Mexican, Confederate and World War.